

SLEEPY FRENCH TOWN TRANSFORMED BY WAR

Many Changes Noted Since Advent of Blue-Clad Poilus and Khaki-Wearing Sammees ALIVE WITH MOVEMENT

Only at Night Does Quiet City Return to its Former Somnolent Condition

By HENRI BAZIN This little city, situated in about the center of the American army zone...

The little city is quaint and ancient, placed amid the most picturesque surroundings...

All this has changed, save in the domain of devotees in the two churches and the ancient tombs...

Hotel changes for worse The hotel has changed, too—and alas for the worse...

And the shops! One who knew them would not recognize them! They have mushroomed into quite pretentious affairs...

SLEEPY STREETS TRANSFORMED The sleepy streets of old are alive with movement. Not a minute passes during the day...

At 6 in the evening all lights in the little city are screened against Boche air raids...

TWO PROCESSIONS Typical of the change that has come over the little city is the story of two army bands that passed a few minutes apart today under the window where I write...

DEATH AND INSANITY CLAIM GERMAN SPIES Missing Alleged Aids of Von Rintelen Traced, Says Police Witness

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Of two missing members of the band of Germans who plotted to destroy food and munition ships leaving American ports...

Inspector Tunney, chief of the bomb squad, asserted one of the plotters told Herbert Ebeling, alleged aid, he had been the man who took the fire bombs aboard steamships in cigar boxes...

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Weekly Toll of Ships Taken by Submarines

Table with columns: Date, Ship Name, Tons, Status. Lists ship losses from April to December.

CURBING OF U-BOATS BIG AID TO LINERS

Ships Now Pass Through Danger Zone Unguarded, Says British Medical Officer

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 24.—The British Admiralty is sending American-bound passenger ships through the submarine zone without convoy because of a rapid improvement in the situation due to the activities of the United States destroyers...

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CARNEGIE HERO FUND AWARDS 26 MEDALS

Commission Recognizes Brave Acts by Money Grants and Pensions for Some Heroes

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THE AMERICAN FRONT SOON TO BE REALITY

U. S. Troops Expected to Take Over Full Section Shortly

FORCES BUILDING UP Secretary Baker, However, Withholds Exact Number of Soldiers in Line

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—"If the President said it, then it will be done," a member of the Cabinet asserted commenting on the published statement that President Wilson informed Democratic Senators Monday night that there would be placed abroad by next June twice the number of American troops originally planned.

Secretary Baker said that he could not comment on a statement of the President, but authorized the following for quotation: "The program of the department has been a constantly developing one, and many difficulties and limitations have been overcome. I cannot discuss numbers of men in France or anti-climatic lines, but we have made substantial progress."

It was declared on authority at the War Department that the situation abroad in France came up fully to General Pershing's expectations, the generalization including also the construction operations, which are made difficult by the complicated questions of transport and of supply from the United States.

When General Pershing sent his first battalions into the trenches with veteran French troops formal announcement of the fact was made here, with the explanation that these units were rounding out their training course. A similar announcement either directly from General Pershing or from the department, is expected when American troops finally take over whatever sector of the battle line they are destined to fight on.

Recent press dispatches from General Pershing's headquarters have shown that a considerable part of his force, at any rate, now are regarded as fully trained. The War Department has had little to say on this subject. There have been no hints dropped as to when the American front would be established, but the impression is gaining strength here that the day is not far distant.

BARRED IRISH PAPERS CALLED MENACE TO U. S.

Officials Say They Were Denied Mails Because of Attack on the Government

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Irish papers published in New York were denied the mails last week because their editorial expressions reached a point where it was necessary for the government to check the "dangerous propaganda" they had been circulating for some time, according to Postoffice Department officials yesterday who handled the cases.

It was stated that for some time the attention of the department has been called to the Irish papers and the nature of matter appearing in their columns. Much of this, it was said, was held to be potent for very great harm, and was of such a nature as to create divided opinion on the nation's part for devotedly by the pro-sterm element in the nation.

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SERVING THEIR COUNTRY (Above) Private Howard E. Hoag, of 2512 South Eleventh street, a member of Company A, 109th United States Infantry, at Camp Hancock, is a brother of Edward Hoag, cited for bravery in the Philippines for bringing in a wounded officer under fire of the natives. (Below) Sergeant Albert J. Hendrie, who has returned to Camp Sherman, Ohio, after a visit to his home at 3113 North Thirteenth street.

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FARMERS DON'T WANT "PLOW GIRLS" IN WAR

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Tables Offering to Aid Food Production

PLEA FOR PROHIBITION Delegates Cheer Statement That U. S. Made Mistake by Not Going Dry

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 24.—A discussion over women going into the field behind the plow to speed food production was set off at a special joint session of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau and the public safety committee of Montgomery County, when a communication from Clarence Sears, Katten, chairman of the executive committee of the Chester County Farm Bureau, to Miss Mary Gibson, of Wynnewood, Pa., being read, was laid aside by N. I. Lanzetta, who presided. Mr. Lanzetta remarked that while it contained "many good features, many were dangerous."

Miss Gibson suggested women working on the farm at a recent meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Montgomery County, in Conshohocken, Pa., one of ten women directing food supplies in Montgomery County. It was asked that the letter be read and inquired by the meeting, which included a considerable number of women.

"By your endeavor to have women enter in farm work you are rendering a service which is of the utmost value. There is only one provision of the important family in relation to text which that demands an action by Mr. Hoover, even more drastic than the extraordinary mandate just promulgated for the coal administration relative to the coal famine. Mr. Hoover should be requested to announce by February 12 to the farmers a guaranty of most of production and a per cent profit for every needed staple, to the extent of 'never mind the cost!'"

A statement that the Government had made a mistake in not securing prohibition during the period of the war was vociferously applauded, as also was a condemnation of the idea of sending "bums from the city to the farm" and of sending high school boys to till the soil.

The announcement that the food commission was preparing to help the farmers all over the State by the use of tractors provided by the subscription of \$500,000 made by public-spirited citizens was greeted with cheers. One man shouted with the work of the proposed tractor was being discussed that "hoags and cows were more necessary than tractors."

"Give us prohibition!" shouted John E. McSherran, master of the State Grange, who continued: "While the people were freeing a brewery in Philadelphia was working full time and the Baldwin Locomotive Works could not get what was needed to work a fraction of the time."

"There is not a man who will stand more punishment than the American farmer. Sending the high school boys to the farm would result only in a small percentage of food to the farmers and those who have the idea of sending the business men from the city to the farm are all wrong. The farmers will have to outgrow before they will listen to this proposition."

"The farmer has it in his head that the Government did not play fair; that it promised to send him from the cities to help harvest the crops, and those who went from the cities from all over the United States would not make up a train load."

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